PROCLAMATION

whereas, the number of Americans aged sixty-five and over comprise a segment of our population which is growing at an accelerating rate as the miracles of modern medicine contribute to increased life expectancy; and

WHEREAS, since not everyone is blessed with the gift of long life, those who are so endowed should occupy a place of special honor among us; and

WHEREAS, our country, although more blessed with abundance than any other, cannot afford to be wasteful of its resources if it is to achieve its fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, state and federal government is deeply and constantly concerned with the well-being of all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, this state should offer leadership and assistance to the municipalities, and voluntary organizations in their efforts to extend special recognition to and make continuing maximum use of the skills of our senior citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARCHIE GUBBRUD, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby designate the month of May, 1964, as

SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH

and I urge all public and private organizations and all citizens to make the theme of this special month--Opportuni-ties for Older Americans--become a living reality.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed on this 22nd day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four.

DOUTE CHARRIE COVERNOR

ATTEST:

ESSIE WIEDERMAN, SECRETARY OF STATE